Opthalmic Glass is 1200 M.T. per year and that of Optical Glass is 300 M.T. per year.

(b) to (d) M/S. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd. is the only unit manufacturing these items. Their average production is about 65 M.T. per year. The total cost of import of Ophthalmic and Optical glass in the country is over Rs. 20 crores, the volume being 1435 M.T. per year.

(e) M/S. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd., have informed that they have plans to set up a plant of 1000 M.T. per year capacity based on continuous process technology which will meet the country's requirements of all kinds of Ophthalmic Glasses including Optical Glass and this would save about Rs. 20 crores in foreign exchange.

Payment of Compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

22. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will be PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of modalities for paying compensation to the Bhopal gas victims:

(b) whether any measures have been taken by the Union Government to enable the victims to get their compensation without undue trouble;

(c) whether the Union Government have investigated the complaints that the money from the relief funds for the gas victims is being diverted for purposes such as beautification of the city; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the remedial steps taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS: (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The procedure for adjudication and disbursement of compensation is set out in the Bhopal gas Leak Disaster (Processing of Claims) Act, 1985 and the scheme framed thereunder, according to which there shall be a welfare Commissioner with appropriate assistance who will undertake the processing of individual cases. The welfare Commissioner is already in position and the adjudicative process will commence by the 3rd February, 1992, the date fixed by the Supreme Court for commencement of the process.

(c) and (d) The beautification of Bhopal has not been included in the approved Action Plan. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have informed that no expenditure has been incurred on this account. Programmes for providing primary facilities in slum areas are being undertaken under the environmental improvement scheme.

Allocation of Funds Under J.R.Y. Programme

23. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds are allotted directly to local bodies of the States by the Union Government under JRY Programme;

(b) whether this scheme has yielded the desired results;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the cases State-wise where funds were misused or misappropriated by the local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) allocation of funds to the district Rural Development agencies/ZPs are made by the Government of India but routed through the state Governments.